

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on March 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. David Howard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)  
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 28, 2/28/2011; SB 156, 2/28/2011; SB 73, 2/28/2011

00:00:59 Chairman Howard

**HEARING ON SB 73**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:19 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 73, Allow state-operated health care facilities with spec ed to establish max age.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:07 Bob Runkel, Administrator, Disability Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
00:06:16 Rep. Skattum entered.  
00:09:28 Jim Whealon, Superintendent, Jefferson High School

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:19 Tim Harris, Administrator, Special Education Division, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:51 Rep. Furey  
00:12:01 Bob Runkel, DPHHS  
00:12:37 Rep. Ingraham  
00:13:22 Bob Runkel  
00:14:13 Rep. Ingraham  
00:14:30 Bob Runkel  
00:15:25 Rep. Kennedy  
00:15:43 Bob Runkel  
00:16:20 Rep. Kennedy  
00:16:26 Bob Runkel  
00:17:04 Rep. Kennedy  
00:17:19 Bob Runkel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:14 Sen. Murphy

**HEARING ON SB 28**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:12 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 28, Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:26 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Medical Disorders, DPHHS  
00:22:20 Kathy McGowan, Center for Mental Health, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers  
Association  
00:22:46 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana  
00:23:38 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:23 Rep. More  
00:25:05 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:25:16 Rep. More  
00:25:25 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:25:53 Rep. Ingraham  
00:27:10 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:27:43 Lou Thompson, DPHHS  
00:29:05 Rep. Ingraham  
00:29:20 Lou Thompson  
00:30:07 Rep. Kennedy  
00:30:29 Lou Thompson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:30 Sen. Kaufmann

**HEARING ON SB 156**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:12 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 156, Revise tribal use of TANF maintenance of effort funds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:05 Elaine Topsy, TANF Director, Chippewa Cree Tribe  
00:40:05 Linda Snedigar, Administrator, Family and Community Services, Human  
Services Division, DPHHS

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:18 Rep. Smith  
00:41:59 Linda Snedigar, DPHHS  
00:42:58 Rep. Smith  
00:43:11 Linda Snedigar  
00:43:27 Rep. Kennedy  
00:43:40 Linda Snedigar  
00:44:19 Rep. Kennedy  
00:45:04 Rep. Hunter  
00:45:21 Linda Snedigar

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:09 Sen. Windy Boy  
  
00:48:24 Chairman Howard  
00:48:49 Rep. Ingraham  
00:49:03 Rep. More  
00:49:14 Chairman Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:49:23

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Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh47aad.pdf](#))